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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of terms a Member of Congress may serve, and to authorize a State to provide longer or shorter term limits for a Member of Congress from that State.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. TALENT) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein), That the follow-*
4 ing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
5 tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents
6 and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by
7 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. A Representative shall be limited to
3 three terms in such office, and a Senator shall be limited
4 to two terms in such office. For purposes of this section,
5 a Representative who has served more than one year of
6 a term, or a Senator who has served more than three years
7 of a term, is deemed to have served a term, and a Rep-
8 resentative who has served one year or less of a term, or
9 a Senator who has served three years or less of a term,
10 is deemed not to have served that term.

11 “SECTION 2. A Senator or Representative who has
12 served one or more terms in such office as of the date
13 of the ratification of this article, or a part of such term
14 or terms, is deemed to have served one term in such office
15 after the date of ratification for purposes of section 1.

16 “SECTION 3. A State may, by amendment of the con-
17 stitution of that State, provide for term limits with respect
18 to a Representative or Senator representing that State
19 that are longer or shorter than the limits provided in sec-
20 tion 1.

21 “SECTION 4. There shall be no time limit within
22 which this article must be ratified by the legislatures of
23 three-fourths of the several States to become valid as part
24 of the Constitution.

1 “SECTION 5. Except as provided in section 2, this ar-
2 ticle shall apply only to terms of office beginning after the
3 date of the ratification of this article.”.

